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1. A massage device for the head or scalp, comprising:
a handle portion, and
a plurality of flexible fingers extending from the handle portion.
2. The massage device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of flexible fingers are resiliently deformable.
3. The massage device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of flexible fingers are deformably bendable under a force greater than a minimum bending force.
4. The massage device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of flexible fingers are resiliently deformable, and wherein the plurality of flexible fingers are deformably bendable under a force greater than a minimum bending force.
5. The massage device of claim 1, wherein handle portion includes a hollow body, a first end cap secured to the hollow body, and a second end cap secured to the hollow body.

6. The massage device of claim 5, wherein said second end cap has an aperture therethrough, and wherein said plurality of flexible fingers extend from the handle portion through said aperture.

5 SUB A2 7. The massage device of claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of flexible fingers has a covering on a tip thereon.

7 8. The massage device of claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of flexible fingers is yieldingly deformable so as to retain its position once it is bend under a force exceeding a bending force.

10 SUB C3 9. The massage device of claim 5, further comprising a solid insert member disposed in said hollow body, for retaining each of the plurality of flexible fingers therein by compression force.

8 10. The massage device of claim 8, further comprising a solid resilient filler material disposed in said hollow body, for retaining each of the plurality of flexible fingers therein.

N. The massage device of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of flexible, elongated members are made of nitinol material, which is a shape memory alloy, to permit the plurality of flexible fingers to regain their original shape when heated.

12. The massage device of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of flexible, fingers includes an electrically-controlled bendable portion.

13. The massage device of claim 12, wherein said electrically-controlled bendable includes a plurality of strips composed of electro-responsive material which can change in length under application of electrical current.

14. The massage device of claim 12, wherein said electrically-controlled bendable includes a plurality of strips composed of electro-responsive material which can change in length under application of heat, the heat being generated by said electrical current.

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